

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) An easy open end for a container, comprising:

an end panel having a score defined therein defining a removable end panel portion;

a first double fold defined adjacent to and positioned radially inward from said score, said first double fold having an first upper surface that is adjacent to said score and defining beneath said score a first outwardly projecting extending cut protection bead;

a second double fold defined adjacent to and positioned radially outward from said score, said second double fold having an second upper surface that is adjacent to said score and defining beneath said score a second inwardly projecting cut protection bead;

said first and second upper surfaces ~~end panel~~ being elastically deformed in an area near said score so as to define a concave depression about said score; and

a pull-tab affixed to said end panel.

12. (Original) An easy open end for a container according to claim 11, wherein said score is notched so as to define a score bottom that is tapered to a continuous V-shaped recess.

13. (Original) An easy open end for a container according to claim 12, wherein said continuous V-shaped recess is shaped so as to have an edge radius that is no greater than 0.0005 inches.

14. (Original) An easy open end for a container according to claim 11, wherein said concave depression extends for a full length of said score.